



Official Secrets Act 1939

1939 CHAPTER 121 2 and 3 Geo 6

2 Short title, construction, citation, and application to Northern Ireland.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Official Secrets Act 1939, and this Act and the Official Secrets Acts 1911 and 1920, shall be construed as one, and may be cited together as the Official Secrets Acts 1911 to 1939.
- (2) It is hereby declared that this Act extends to Northern Ireland; and, in the application thereof to Northern Ireland, this Act shall have effect subject to the following modifications, that is to say, for references to a chief officer of police there shall be substituted references to a district inspector, for references to a Secretary of State there shall be substituted references to the Minister of Home Affairs, and for the reference to the rank of inspector there shall be substituted a reference to the rank of head constable.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 [S. 2\(2\)](#) amended by S.R. & O. 1970/111 (N.I.)
- C2 Functions of Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland now exercisable by Secretary of State: [S.I. 1973/2163](#), art. 2(1), [Sch. 1](#)

Status:

Point in time view as at 01/02/1991. This version of this provision has been superseded.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Official Secrets Act 1939, Section 2.